

AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Pastor's column

The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed the list of points he wanted to discuss with the Roman Catholic Church on the door of the Castle Church. These are known as *Martin Luther's 95 Theses* and sparked the Reformation and the birth of the Lutheran church. Martin Luther wrote many other things of great importance. Luther didn't intend to start a split with the Roman Catholic Church. He simply wanted to discuss these points. The 95 theological points he had posted were threatening to some and so began the Reformation. This year, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. How will we mark this Anniversary at AES Ministries?

Celebrate! We are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in many ways. An organ and brass concert, worship on Reformation Sunday (October 29) with guest preacher Reverend Stan Olson, and worship with "Martin Luther," (Reverend Larry Streng) on November 5. Celebrating this important milestone prompts us to think again of the many gifts we have received from God and from our church.

Grow! You have a great opportunity to learn about the Reformation and the many parts of it by reading our weekly bulletin inserts. I hope you will take the time to do that and to learn some new things and see how far reaching the Reformation has been to our church and world. We will also study Luther's Small Catechism during October and November. It's not too late to sign up. We will meet Thursdays, beginning October 5, from 1:30-3:00 pm.

Look Forward! How can we use this anniversary as more than a celebration? How can we look forward and outward in sharing the amazing mercy of God in Jesus Christ? At the concert, we will take an offering for the Watonwan County Food for the Backpack program. On Reformation Sunday we will have a noisy offering for Lutheran Disaster Response, and the council will be planning on a gift for the SWMN Synod "Embrace God's Mission & Equip God's People" fund. We continue to share God grace and mercy in our current ministries. Let us continue to listen for how God is calling us to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Kathleen

AUGUSTANA

OCTOBER CIRCLES

- Oct. 3: 11:30 am Rebecca Circle, Encore
 Oct. 3: 7:00 pm Martha Circle, Augustana
 Diane Missling, Hostess
 Oct. 17: 8:30 am Sewing Circle, Augustana

ACOLYTES

- Oct. 1: Brandi Pierson, Sydney Engelking
 8: Emily Gronewold, Lizabeth Lothert
 15: Lucas Kulseth, Peyton Engelking
 22: Carter Wolner, Hayden Davis
 29: Levi Miest, Dylan Reid

ALTAR GUILD

Jayne Anderson, Linda Connell, Sally Engel,
 Heidi Engel, Joyce Nelson, Louise Olsen

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

- Oct. 1: Deb Style

COMMUNION SERVERS

- Oct. 1: Paul Missling, Kathy Eiden
 Oct. 8: Jim Harrington, Deanna Hoffman,
 Dominique Berg, Steph Reid
 Oct. 15: Confirmation - Deanna Hoffman, Jessie
 Shores; Assisting - Jackson Miest, Gia
 Zender

GREETERS

- Oct. 1: Myron and Sally Engel
 8: John and Jeanne Miest
 15: Gene and Carol Zarn
 22: Rick Carlson
 29: Ruth Haler

LECTORS

- Oct. 1: Jim Moody
 8: Paul Missling
 15: Les Zellman
 22: Lisa Carlson
 29: Ruth Haler

COFFEE HOUR

- Oct 1: Stan and Nancy Kunkel, Kyla Schlomann,
 Don Flater
 8: WELCA
 15: Darrell and Leora Ask, Kristen Gertsema,
 Lisa Carlson
 22: Greg and Judy Thulien, Ruth Haler,
 Deanna Hoffman
 29: Jim and Jean Leopold, Ray and Judy Berg

AUGUSTANA

BAPTISM

We welcomed into God's Family, Augustana's family, and AES Ministries **Maverick Duane Schumacher** on September 24, 2017, the son of Alyssa Style and Tristin Schumacher. Please continue to keep Maverick and his family in your prayers as he grows in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

WEDDINGS

Ashley Leivermann and Jacob Beckius

September 2, 2017

Erica Reid and Joe Garza

September 16, 2017

Please keep these newlywed couples in your prayers as they continue through life's journey.

FUNERAL

Ja'Mason Purnell Moffett passed away on September 14, 2017 and funeral was held at Augustana on September 18, 2017.

Please continue to keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

MISSIONARY SPONSORS

- Oct. 1: Jim and Judy Anderson
 8:
 15:
 22 & 29: Gene and Carl Zarn
 The cost is \$20.00 per Sunday.

RADIO SPONSOR

The broadcast on October 22 from Augustana is sponsored by Eugene and Carol Zarn.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Sponsor a month for \$65.00 or one of four segments for \$16.25 each. September through February broadcasts are from Augustana due to early service times.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Oct. 1: Marge Jenkins in Loving Memory of Roy Jenkins.

If you would like to furnish Altar flowers for a particular Sunday there is a poster in the Narthex to sign up on. Flowers can be ordered and paid for at Creative Touch Greenhouse.

USHERS

Jim Anderson, Chris Bass, Dick Gilbertson,
 Chad Gronewold, Darrick Miest, Bruce Sharp,
 Steve Walker, Doug Westman, Troy Westman

EAST

TRANSITIONS:

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on September 3, 2017, was **Dakota Dean Pickett II**, son of Racheal Menssen and Dakota Pickett. May God richly bless! Welcome to God's family, East Sveadahl, and AES Ministries.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Francey, Orval, Sonny, Barbara, Viola, Norman, Emery, Jacob, Chloe, Pedro

ADDRESS CHANGES:

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through August	\$46,133.36
Received through August	28,903.19
Behind through August	- \$ 17,230.17
Received in August	\$ 5,751.82

Happy Birthday Happy Baptismal Birthday

2 Cindy Torkelson 11-25
John Wolle 11-23
15 Tama Bridges 11-29
16 Scott Reinke
17 Denae Bridges 10-24
Sonja Coleman 11-23
18 Judy Beck 11-25
27 Emily Braaten 4-22
30 Lowell Bloomquist 11-18
31 Tiffany Fast 12-16

Christmas in Christ Chapel - December 1, 2, 3

As a congregational partner with Gustavus, East members can receive a **20% discount** on tickets (5 or more people) for the service and the smorgasbord buffet.

The theme is *Life Abundant: A Celebration of Christmas during the 500th year of the Reformation.*

To order tickets call 507-933-7520
by **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15.**

Tickets may be refunded until November 1.

EAST

RADIO BROADCASTS

Oct. 1: First Lutheran, St. James
8: Albion
15: First Lutheran, St. James
22: Augustana
29: Augustana

ACOLYTES

Oct. 1:

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Erma Griffith and Deb Anderson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Tom Anderson and Wayne Jurgens

VISITING COMMITTEE

Sonja Coleman and Julene Hoffman

WELCA HOSTESSES

No meeting in October.

USHERS

Jerry and Lynette Noren

LECTORS

Oct. 1: Jerry and Lynette Noren and family
8: Jerry and Lynette Noren and family
15: Jerry and Lynette Noren and family
22: Jerry and Lynette Noren and family
29: Jerry and Lynette Noren and family

RADIO SPONSORS

October 29: Harold Norens
December 31: We need a sponsor for this broadcast.

Remembering our Saints on All Saints' Sunday:

*Lavan Morgan, Clarence Nasman,
Lorraine and Roger Torkelson, Dianne Miller*

AES October NEWS

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Facebook: “Like” the Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries Facebook page for pictures, updates, and inspiration

AES Ministries website: www.augustanachurch.org

PRAYERS and PRAISES

We appreciate the concern and care you show for family members and friends by placing them on the Prayer Concern list in our bulletins. We do believe in the power of prayer! If you have added someone to our list, please let us know when to remove their name if the need is no longer there. Thank you.

VISITS

Our Pastors would like to visit you! If you would like to be visited in your home, in the hospital, wherever, please contact them: Pr. Kathleen at 375-4792 (church) or 507-276-1615 (cell) and Pr. Webster at 507-956-2177 (home - please try this number first) or 507-317-6670 (cell).

ADDRESS CHANGES

Changing your address – please inform Sue at the Augustana Office or Susan at East Sveadahl. We would like to stay in contact with our students going off to school this fall. Please send their address! Thank you.

WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

east: Listen to 101.5 FM (KRRW, St. James station) or 8:60 AM (KNUJ, New Ulm for any church closings. If school is closed early, confirmation will be cancelled.

aUgustana: Listen to 8.60 AM KNUJ; 101.5 KRRW; Channel 12 KEYC TV; or check the AES web site at www.augustanachurch.org for any snow emergency information.

DEADLINE

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for registering for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston is **Sunday, October 1st**. The Gathering is for youth in grades 8-12.

LOST AND FOUND

A **ring** was found in the Social Hall of Augustana on September 18th following the funeral, please contact Augustana church office to claim.

confirmation

Confirmation will be on Sunday, October 15th, at 10:30 pm. The following students have completed confirmation classes, have written a faith statement, and are ready to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Kaydi Anderson parents (Doug and Jana Anderson)

Peyton Engelking (Rob and Becky Engelking)

Lucas Kulseth (Mike and Ellie Kulseth)

Luci Kulseth (Mark and Alison Kulseth)

Jackson Miest (Darrick and Kari Miest)

Gia Zender (Deb Style)

We pray: "Father in heaven, for Jesus's sake, stir up in these youth the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their lives, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering and bring them to eternal life. Amen" (From *ELW Affirmation of Baptism Service*, p.236)

TLC (Teaching the Love of Christ) Needs

Snacks needed for TLC on Wednesdays - Thank you for pitching in with snacks last year! We are again asking for snacks for TLC. We will begin collecting in September. We are asking Augustana members to bring Frosted Flakes, granola bars and fruit cups. Thank you so much for your help!

Worship and Supper on Wednesdays - As part of the **TLC (Teaching the Love of Christ) faith formation ministry** there will be worship and a meal on Wednesday nights. All are invited for a short worship service on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, followed by supper. Would your group or committee be willing to serve one of the meals? Please sign up on the bulletin board in the social hall at Augustana or at the table in the entryway at East Sveadahl. We are working to keep the cost around \$2/person.

Fall Bible Study

"**by heart**", Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism, will be our Fall bible study. We will meet on Thursdays from 1:30-3:00 pm at Augustana. It is a seven week study that will begin on October 5th and end on November 16th. The cost of the book for the study is \$13. Please sign up at the church or by calling the church office.

Welcoming New Members

Are you interested in becoming a member of Augustana or East Sveadahl? We will be welcoming new members November 12th. Please contact Pastor Kathleen if you would like to talk further about the mission and ministry of our congregations and becoming a member.

Swedish meatball dinner

The East WELCA is hosting their:

Swedish Meatball Dinner

Sunday, October 29

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at East Sveadahl

Swedish meatballs, potatoes, glazed carrots,
cranberries, lefsa, bread, beverages, bars

Freewill offering

REFORMATION SUNDAY - October 29

On Reformation Sunday, **Reverend Stan Olson**, former Bishop of the SWMN Synod, will be our guest Preacher at Augustana and East Sveadahl.

During October, Protestants celebrate the work of the Reformers – Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin, and others – who brought about much needed change in the Christian Church. These four teachings were at the heart of their contributions: Word Alone-the Bible is the surest guide for faith and life; Grace Alone-We are right with God when we accept God's love given to us freely; Faith Alone-It is by believing and trusting, not through our own works that we find salvation; and the Priesthood of all Believers-Christians are all on the same level—we are reciprocally and mutually one.

Reformation Sunday is celebrated in Protestant churches on the Sunday nearest October 31, the anniversary of the Luther's posting on the church door.

noisy offering -- October 29

Start saving your coins! The next **Noisy Offering** is Sunday the 29th. The offering at Augustana will go to Lutheran Disaster Response, and the East offering will go to WELLSRING.

WELCA NEWS

The **Watonwan River Conference WELCA Fall Gathering** is Saturday, October 7th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1400 South State Street, New Ulm, beginning with coffee and registration at 8:30 am. Music will be 9 am followed by the meeting at 9:15 am. Deadra Stanton will present the program which is based on Isaiah 43:19, "I am about to do a new thing" and reformation. The offering: ½ to the Synod and ½ to Lutheran Disaster Relief.

Please RSVP to Judy Berg: 507-995-2414 or judy.berg68@yahoo.com ASAP – September 30th.

All women are invited to join us for a **Women's Day Away** at Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp on Saturday, October 21, 2017, for a day filled with fellowship and teaching led by our guest speaker Rebecca Meidinger. We will spend the day looking at the book of Phillipians and what it has to teach us about "Pressing On." You can learn more about Rebecca by visiting her blog at www.rebeccameidinger.com.

To get more information about registering, including the chance to spend a night or two at camp to extend your time away, visit our website at www.okoboji.org/womens-retreat.

AUGUSTANA WELCA

Augustana **WELCA board** meets Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00 pm in Fireside Room.

There will be a **St Lucia organizational meeting** for all committee persons in the Fireside Room following worship on Sunday, October 15th. Please bring any concerns/ideas you wish to share.

EAST WELCA

We will be making **lefse** again this year. If you would be willing to help in any way, please contact

Janet, Erma, or Evonne. Orders can be place with them also.

Our annual **Swedish Meatball Dinner** will be served on Sunday, October 29th from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.

thank yous

A special thank you to my church family for attending our 60th Wedding Anniversary Open House. It was a special day that will be remembered for a long time! Thank you to the youth group leader and youth for a great job of serving lunch and cleanup.
Ruth & Lawrence Haler

Dear Augustana /AES Ministries, Thank you for helping us go to camp. We had fun playing games and learning about God.
From-Alex & Willow Casey

To Augustana WELCA – Thank you for the cookies you brought to me, they were very good!
Bette Flater

Dear East Sveadahl Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$96.59 (Noisy Offering) to Lutheran Disaster Response. With this gift you are providing emotional and spiritual care, supplying emergency relief, and addressing long-term recovery. ...
ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

The family of Ja'Mason Moffett would like to say a huge thank you to the members of Augustana and East Sveadahl Ministries. We knew that the number of people that said they were coming to St. James for the service was growing by the hour and our concern was how are we going to handle this. We couldn't tell them not to come. Upon texting Pastor Kathleen, she told me not to worry, that people were "stepping up" like I wouldn't believe. When we arrived at the church on Monday morning, we saw just how true that statement was. And what an amazing job you all did! Words are inadequate to tell all of you how grateful we are and what a tribute it was to Ja'Mason. He loved this church and the people in it. You always made him feel so welcome. God bless all of you, over and over again. He has gone home to be with his Savior and his Grandpa Joe.

With a grateful heart, Kathy Eiden

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 5th:

Martin Luther

Larry Streng, as Martin Luther, will pay both churches a visit during worship!

All Saints' Day

We remember those who have passed since All Saints' Day in 2016.

Daylight Saving Time

DST ends. Remember to turn your clocks back before going to bed!

Tuesday, November 7th:

Augustana Churchmen's Annual Pancake Supper

4:30-7:30 pm at Augustana Adults - \$6.00; Children 6-12 - \$2.00; 5 and under - Free

Friday, November 10th:

Martin Luther's Birthday!

He was born in 1483 making this his 534th birthday!

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Friday-Saturday, November 17th-18th:

Jr. High Youth Gathering

Youth in grades 6-9 will gather in Willmar. Note that we will be going on Friday and Saturday this year. **Registration deadline is Friday, September 29.**

Sunday, November 19th:

Thanksgiving Celebration

We will celebrate with members of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches at the United Methodist Church. There will a Pie Social following the service.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILI FEED

Save the date for a fundraiser for the **Saintette's Dance Team Chili Feed** on Sunday, October 1 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at First Lutheran Church in St. James. There will be a performance by the Saintette's at 12:30 pm, silent auction and door prizes! Free will donation. This fundraiser is for the Saintette's Dance Team to perform at the 2018 Outback Bowl on January 1st in Tampa, Florida.

WELLSPRING

The next **WELLSPRING Coffee & Conversation Caregiver Education Series** event is Monday, October 2nd and is entitled Senior Linkage Line-Medicare Open Enrollment Updates.

8:30 am Butterfield Community Building; 9:30 am Prairie View Dining Room, St. James; 10:30 am Amberfield Sr.+ Dining Room, Madelia

Powerful Tools for Caregivers, classes to learn self-care strategies to help you better handle the challenges you face as a caregiver or self, begin Thursday, October 12th, 1:30-3 pm at Brandt Ridge. Cost is \$25; refundable if you attend all six classes. If you purchase the resource book at our library, you may forfeit the registration fee. Call 507-375-1276 to register.

fundraiser

The **St. James Ambulance's Annual Fundraiser**, featuring Dad's Belgian Waffles, will be held on Sunday, October 1st at the St. James VFW from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Cost: \$8 Adults, Children 5 & under free. Take-outs are available.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

St. James Historical Society's Ice Cream Social is on Sunday, October 8th from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Historical Society at 602 3rd Avenue South, St. James. Root Beer Floats and Sundaes will be served. Come enjoy history, ice cream & friends!

CAMP OZ

Camp Oz is a grief camp for children and teens, ages 6 to 18, who have experienced the death of someone in their life. This day-long camp is offered free of charge on **Saturday, October 7, 2017**, from 8:30 am – 6 pm at Camp Patterson located about 15 miles northeast of Mankato, on the shores of Lake Washington near Madison Lake, Minnesota. This camp offers a fun environment where children are invited to share their feelings, connect with other campers, and participate in remembrance activities. They will learn that they are not alone and that their feelings are a normal part of grief.

For more information or registration materials, call 507-594-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989 (toll-free). Registration must be received by Wednesday, September 27, 2017.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know has difficulty paying their **monthly energy bills**, please request an application by calling MVAC (Minnesota Valley Action Council) at (507) 345-6822 or (800) 767-7139 or downloading the application from MVAC's website at mnavac.org. Applications will be available on October 1, 2017, and the deadline to apply is May 31, 2018. More information is posted in Augustana's social hall and on bulletin board in East.

GREEN LAKE OPPORTUNITIES

October 7th -- Work Day at Green Lake on Saturday

October 13th – 15th – Sr. High Retreat at Green Lake on Friday-Sunday

October 28th – Work Day at Shores of St. Andrews on Saturday

December 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 10th – Christmas Presentation “The Star” on Fridays and Saturdays (5:30 pm) and Sunday (4:00 pm). Call 320-796-2181 or email kpeterston@gllm.org for tickets.

CONFERENCE AND HYMN FESTIVAL

WHOSE NEIGHBOR ARE WE? Reformation Reconciliation Revision

First Lutheran and Gustavus announce this conference and hymn festival commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. It will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 8:30 am – 5 pm at First Lutheran Church in St. Peter.

We will, in a number of sessions with many different speakers and presenters, look at the past, present, and the future of the Reformation.

Please check the poster on the narthex bulletin board at East and social hall at Augustana. For more information and to register, contact eventsflcstp@gmail.com or 507-934-3060.

HUMANE SOCIETY

The Watonwan County Humane Society needs **volunteers**. If you can help one morning or several mornings from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, it would mean so much! We need help cleaning cages and colonies, litter boxes, and giving fresh food and water. Then spend special time with the cats and kittens, giving them the love and attention they long for. It's rewarding for all involved! Dogs: Call Sue Leach (507) 388-5007; Cats: Call Peg Lewis (507) 380-5884.

FINANCIAL COUNSELING - Equifax breach

Lutheran Social Service (LSS) Financial Counseling – LSS offers financial counseling at no cost to everyone to help people get out of debt and develop a budget and plan of action for healthier finances, and understand their credit reports and improve their credit score. Call 888-577-2227 or visit ConquerYourDebt.org In the aftermath of the recent Equifax data breach, it is a good idea to check your credit report for any discrepancies.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is sponsoring these sessions:

Journey Through Grief – 8 week group for families and individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. Wednesdays, November 1-December 20, 10 am – noon, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 632 Broad St., Mankato

Free of charge. Register at 1-800-327-3721, ext. 4-2989; or 507-594-2989

Ease into the Holidays – Three Event Series – open to adults who have dealt with the death of a loved one.

1. **Cooking for One:** Tuesday, November 7, 5-6 pm, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Matthews Hall, 632 Broad St., Mankato. Light refreshments served.

2. **Healing Holiday Rituals:** Monday, November 13, 6-7:30 pm, Community Room, Suite 354, Madison East Center. Light refreshments served.

3. **Creating a Holiday Keepsake:** Monday, November 20, 6-7:30 pm, Community Room, Suite 354, Madison East Center. Light refreshments served. Fee: \$10 per person

To register or for more information, contact Jeanne Atkinson, at 1-800-327-3721, ext. 4-2989; or 507-594-2989 or Jeanne@mayo.edu. Registration deadline is one week prior to the session. See the flyers on the bulletin boards at each church.

AES MINISTRIES JOINT COUNCIL MEETING – September 6, 2017

Present: Deanna Hoffman, Wayne Jurgens, Judy Berg, Kris Suess, Kathy Eiden, Leora Ask, Pr. Kathleen, and Susan Anderson

Absent: Teresa Andrews, Tom Anderson

President Kris Suess called the meeting to order.

Devotions, given by Kathy Eiden, were based on Philippians 1:1-2.

The secretary's minutes were approved as read.

Pastor Kathleen reported that her schedule has and will include a number of weddings and baptisms.

TLC will be starting at the end of September. She is kept very busy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Serving lunch at the Campus Ministry at Mankato State was discussed. This was one of the God's Work. Our Hands. events. The students appreciate the meals provided.

The AES Picnic was well attended and went well. There was enough food and enough help. Pr. Webster appreciated our recognition of his 50 years of ordained ministry.

This year our God's Work. Our Hands. event will be sending cards to the 85 residents of the Luverne veteran's home. Pr. Kathleen will make sure there are enough cards. The children will be asked to draw pictures to include in the cards. The Augustana WELCA will also be delivering cookies.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Thanksgiving Joint Service was discussed. The Methodist church is interested and would like to host this year. Pr. Kathleen is waiting to hear from the Presbyterian church. The service would be on Sunday, November 19th. There will be further discussion at the November meeting.

Plans for the Christmas – New Year's services are as follows:

TLC Christmas Program: Wednesday, December 13th at 5:30 pm with supper to follow
The supper will be served by the youth and will be a fundraiser for Houston.

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24th

8:30 am Worship Service, Augustana – radio broadcast taped

It was suggested that after this service, it would be fun to go caroling at Brandt Ridge and Pleasant View.

4:00 pm Communion Worship Service, Augustana

The second service will be discussed at the East council meeting.

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New Year's Eve: Sunday, December 31st

8:30 am Worship Service, Augustana – radio broadcast taped

10:30 am Worship Service, East

The Joint Council decided to serve the TLC meal on November 1st. We will be serving chili/hot dogs, chips, and bars.

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 1st at 7:45 pm.

Leora Ask volunteered to give devotions.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Susan Anderson

EAST SVEADAHL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – September 14, 2017

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 7 p.m. Those present were Tom Anderson, Wayne Jurgens, Janet Bloomquist and Pastor Kathleen.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Kathleen.

Secretary, Janet Bloomquist, read the minutes from the August 10, 2017 meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

In the absence of Treasurer, Evonne Moll, Tom presented her written report. In the absence of Financial Secretary, Jana Anderson, Tom presented her written report. Both reports were approved as given.

President, Tom Anderson, presented the outstanding bills. Motion was made and passed to approve paying of bills. Dividend checks from Crystal Valley were presented by Tom and will be given to the Financial Secretary for deposit.

A thank you was read by Tom from the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response for the donation of \$96.59 from the July 30 noisy offering.

Pastor Kathleen highlighted the following:

- October 15, 2017, will be Confirmation at Augustana. With approval by Council, the service times that Sunday will be switched. East will be at 8:30 a.m. and Augustana at 10:30 a.m.
- On Sunday, October 29 and Sunday, November 5 we will be having guest Pastors in recognition of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Church. A suggestion to make a donation to Embracing God's Mission as an appreciation to our guest Pastors was proposed. It was tabled until next meeting.

Wayne Jurgens gave highlights from the AES Board meeting. See full report in this newsletter.

Since Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, it was discussed and decided to have our Sunday morning worship on December 24 at Pleasant View at 10 a.m. and our Christmas Eve Service at East will be at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be October 12, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

Present: Dominique Berg, John Coleman, Kristen Gertsema, Jim Harrington, Deanna Hoffman, Kari Miest, Paul Missling, Steph Reid, Kyla Schломann, Jessie Shores, Lynn Watson, Judy Thulien, & Pr. Kathleen
Absent: Kathy Eiden

President Jim Harrington called the meeting to order. Paul Missling shared devotions.

Secretary's report was approved as printed. Financial Comparison report was shared by Deanna. We are in good financial condition thru August.

Treasurer's report was given by Judy Thulien. Very slow month with no exceptions in the report. Free will offering from God's Work Our Hands will be given to the AESY Houston fund. MSC to approve as presented.

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Pastor Kathleen: She shared great news as one member has donated the \$2200 to repair 1 window – only 22 to go! Kirsten Freitag and Pastor Kathleen will meet Thursday and be working on some information regarding our fund raising efforts going forward. TLC and confirmation begin on September 27th. She has three weddings remaining this year out of 10 total. Will be at Synod Theological Conference Sunday to Tuesday.

AES Ministries: Deanna reported The Campus Lunch for a Buck at Minnesota State University went very well. Joint Thanksgiving service will be Sunday, November 19th at United Methodist Church with First Presbyterian giving the am worship, as it is a radio Sunday. Pastor Kathleen asked if it would be possible to have a group go to Pleasant View and Brandt Ridge and sing carols. The Christmas Eve service with communion will be at 4 PM at ALC and 5:30 PM at ESLC. Next meeting is November 1st at 7:45 PM. We will be serving TLC that day also.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: Getting ready for TLC. Bibles will be given out in November this year. TLC Christmas program will be December 13th at 5:30 pm, followed by a light supper. We have several tables that are no longer needed from the Sunday School rooms. MSC to have Deanna take pictures and advertise them on the local sale sites.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: Thank you was received from Crossroads Ministry for serving the meal on 10/29. Our outreach visitation is being formed and will be meeting soon. October noisy offering on 10/29 will be given to Lutheran Disaster Relief.

Stewardship/Memorial/ Finance: No meeting. Discussed the need for lights on the north end of the church building. Mike Kulseth will be contacted and asked for suggestions. It is very dark early now.

Church Property/Cemetery: Missing tile on the roof has been replaced. Three handicap parking spots have been posted at the north end of the building. Will see if more are needed. New wheel chair has been damaged. Ready to do the siding on the storage building.

Youth Ministry: Will be fund raising for Houston 2018 going forward. Youth will serve the Christmas program meal as a fund raiser for that. Silent Auction will be held in December.

Worship and Music: Organ Recital was discussed. St James Plaindealer will be on site that day from 4-8 PM to do pictures and a story. Need volunteers for parking and elevators. More to come later.

OLD BUSINESS: Garage – Jim will bring the steel siding. He has ordered the additional supplies needed for this project. Bob Plath & Stan Kunkel have volunteered to help put it up. Concert & Meal – Lynn Watson is coordinating this. Serving Brats, hotdogs, German potato salad, chips, baked beans, and desserts. Council will be serving the meal. Desserts are needed. Planning for 200+. Direct deposit – MSC to let Pr. Kathleen and Deanna meet with a person to begin to offer this service to our members. More will be coming later. Security Cameras – Are purchased and installed to monitor all the entries. Will need to sync them and they will be operational. Reformation Sunday - October 29th. Pastor Stan Olson will be our guest preacher. ESLC has their meatball fundraiser dinner following their worship that day also. All are invited to attend.

NEW BUSINESS: Carpet Cleaning – Jim has received an estimate from the cleaner. As per our agreement with St James Public Schools, cost will be shared with them. Waste Management – We will be sending a notice to them to discontinue their service and contract with Hometown out of Windom. Kristen Gertsema will handle the notice for us, so that it is received in the time frame they want.

Next meeting is October 11th at 8 PM

Steph Reid has devotions.

Communion Servers: October 1st: Paul and Kathy

October 8th: Jim, Deanna, Dominique and Steph

October 15th: Confirmation Sunday 10:30 AM Deanna & Jessie

Assisting are Jackson & Gia

Close with the Lord's Prayer

Deanna Hoffman, secretary

AUGUSTANA WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES -- September 12, 2017

Present: Judy Berg, Judy Anderson, Jeanne Miest, Jayne Anderson, Carol Zarn

God's Work Our Hands: AES Ministries served lunch on August 29th at MN State Mankato Campus Ministry Center as a mission project.

On Sunday, September 10th, 21 plates of cookies were delivered to home bound members, and, also, writing and sending cards to veterans at the Veteran's Home in Luverne.

Upcoming projects to watch for:

October 7th is the Fall Gathering at Our Saviors in New Ulm. Registration at 8:30 a.m. Speaker is Deadra Stanton

October 8th WELCA will serve coffee hour. Money raised will be forwarded to Pastor David Hansen for Hurricane Harvey that affected the Houston area

October 15th is St. Lucia Meeting during coffee hour. St. Lucia is Saturday, December 9th.

November 19th is the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the Methodist Church. Pumpkin pies will be served.

January 14th is the Baby Shower for Jesus for the layettes

Need some ideas for a mission project at Christmas time, if not collecting items for St. Peter, and, also, where to distribute funds from St. Lucia

TLC Meal - will check available dates that WELCA can serve the meal

Jeanne will check on the cost of recovering the chairs and bench in the Fireside Hallway.

IN Kind Kits for the SW MN Synod Convention in June at St. Cloud will be personal care kits.

Next WELCA board meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, at [6 pm](#) in the Fireside Room.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary

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SPECIAL SERVICES

October 15

Confirmation

8:30 am Worship, East

**10:30 am Confirmation,
Communion, Augustana**

October 29

Reformation Sunday

Rev. Stan Olson, preaching

8:30 am Worship, Augustana

10:30 am Worship, East

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Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner, Pastor

David Webster, Visitation Pastor

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